MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 27, 2020  
Virtual: Microsoft Teams

**Convene** – The meeting convened at 3:00 P.M. by Dr. Paul DeMarco, Acting Dean.

**Ex-Officio**: Dr. Barbara Clark, Acting Associate Dean

**Members Present**: Paul DeMarco, Barbara Clark, Simona Bertacco, Mark Running, Lindsay Della, Robert Garrett, Patrick Possel, Gina Bertocci, Matthew Nelson, Frances Hardin-Fanning, Bakeerathan Gunaratnam, Gerold Willing, Mary Hums, Dale Schuschke, Tamara Sluss, Michele Kosiewicz, Kimberly Heller, Michael McIntyre, Andy Frey, Geoffrey Clark, Cara Cashon, Stephanie Boone

**Members Absent**: Israel Curbelo, Jafar Hadizadeh, David Scott, Sarah Drerup, JoAnne Sweeny

**Guests:**  none

**Action Items:**

1. **Approval of minutes of August 25th, 2020**

Dr. DeMarco asked for review and approval of the council minutes from August 25th, 2020. MOTION to approve by Robert Garrett. SECOND by Gerold Willing. **APPROVED**.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Application Questions (Academic Affairs Committee)
   * Mary Hums reported to committee on behalf of Academic Affairs
   * Draft of General Graduate Application was reviewed
   * 2 or 3 of the 5 categories will be required:
     1. Leadership/self-appraisal
     2. Community Engagement
     3. Resilience
     4. Accountability/responsibility
     5. Ability to navigate challenges
   * Required question on Diversity
     1. “Discuss how aspects of your background, experiences, or interests in research/creative activity would enrich the diversity of our campus community.”
     2. Include UofL Statement on Diversity for reference
   * Input from other members:
     1. Broadly define what Community Engagement is (is this applicable to Science students?)
     2. Include self-motivation question on application
     3. Include creativity question on application
     4. How do we gauge resiliency?
        1. How do we keep from discriminating students on personal matters?
     5. Require answers on resilience and accountability as well?
     6. Should we have someone on the outside give assessment on Resilience and Accountability? Should we add this to a recommendation form?
   * Graduate Council will vote on questions at a later date
2. Graduation and Hooding Ceremonies (Dr. DeMarco)
   * Commencement will be virtual this year on Saturday, December 12th
     1. General Introduction by President and Provost and then break out into Unit
   * No in-person Hooding Ceremony this year
     1. Units have been offered individual unit hooding ceremonies that we will help them organize
     2. This would be held in the SAC Ballroom (no more than 30 people in the room at a time, and no friends or family in attendance)
     3. Event may be live streamed so friends and family can watch
     4. Units have reached out to students to see if this is something they are interested in
     5. 2 or 3 Unit Hoodings in a day (Ballroom would be sanitized in between)
     6. These students will be invited back once we are able to have a more formal event
3. DGS meeting recap (Agenda highlights, Dr. DeMarco)
   * Some graduate students may be delayed in their program due to the pandemic
     1. Units do an audit of the students in their program on whether or not there will be delays
     2. Diverting Fellowship funds for incoming students to current students
     3. Graduate School may ask for additional funds for current students
     4. How will this affect recruitment for upcoming year?

**Recommendations:** none

**Announcements**: none

**Update from Graduate Student Council –** Kimberly Heller

* In place of Halloween party, the Graduate Student Council purchased tickets for graduate students to attend the Louisville Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular
  + 180 tickets in total were purchased
* Reimbursing online conferences in place of money for travel
  + Only 1 student has been reimbursed so far
* Jennifer Toyoda is managing research grants
* Spring Conference is requested to be in mid-March
  + Gather Town is a possible platform to host the event

Old Business – none

New Business – none

MOTION by Gerold Willing to adjourn; Second by Cara Cashon. Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted 10/28/2020  
Reilly Brown, Administrative Associate*

*Approved Graduate Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*